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U.S. Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz, 13th District of Pennsylvania

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Washington Update

<u>Schwartz Secures \$7 Million for Military</u> <u>Efforts</u>

Representative Schwartz secured \$7 million in new federal funds for three important efforts in the House-passed Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06)
Defense Appropriations Bill. The funding secured by Schwartz for local employers will facilitate the development of a mobile electronic military health records system; expand the use of radarjamming technology; and install vital safety technology on Apache helicopters.

Schwartz noted the importance of having secured funding for the military health records system.

"The development of a mobile electronic military health records system will help improve the care our soldiers receive on the battlefield, and ease their transition into the veterans' health system. Doctors and other health care providers will be able to access timely patient information, which will lead to greater data accuracy and more efficient patient care," said Representative Schwartz.

Schwartz also commented on the important role

that local manufacturers have in ensuring our national safety.

"It is critical that America have a strong and robust national defense system, especially in this age of global uncertainty. The men and women who serve in our military put their lives on the line every day. And they depend on the equipment and the technology they use to be of the highest standards," said Schwartz.

"I am very proud that the 13th Congressional District is home to several businesses that are making important contributions to our national defense," added Schwartz.

The funds were included in the Fiscal Year 2006 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, which passed the House last week by a vote of 398 to 19. The next step is for the bill to be approved by the Senate, and then signed into law by President Bush. Fiscal Year 2006 begins on October 1, 2006.

<u>Schwartz Appointed to Bipartisan House</u> <u>Democracy Assistance Commission</u>

Representative Schwartz was appointed by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to serve on the House Democracy Assitance Commission. This bipartisian commission was created to provide assistance to emerging democracies around the world. The commission will provide technical assitance to parliaments around the world to enhance accountability, legislative indepence, and transparency in government.

Lansdale Satellite Outreach Hours

In addition to her Philadelphia and Montgomery County district offices, Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz (D-Pa.) has launched regular satellite outreach hours at the Lansdale Public Library. A

constituent service representative from Rep. Schwartz's staff is at the Lansdale Public Library every Monday afternoon to assist with a variety of constituent issues, including Social Security, immigration, and veteran's affairs.

The winter, spring, and fall Lansdale outreach hours are from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Summer hours (June 1 – August 15) are from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Lansdale Public Library is located at 301 Vine Street in Lansdale. Free public parking is available. For more information please call 215-335-3355 or visit www.house.gov/Schwartz.

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